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First, the League of Women Voters of SC supports H. 3563.

Sales taxes are a lot easier to pay if you are a person with disposable income. If you have a hard time paying for your rent and food, you do not have disposable income. That makes sales tax a regressive tax – its impact on low-income folks is much worse than it is on persons with more means. When we removed sales tax from groceries a couple of decades ago, we recognized the regressiveness of that particular category of taxation and solved that problem.

The League supports taxes that promote equity and progressivity – in other words, taxes that don't harm the poorest or don't discriminate against one group of citizens more than others.

We can say that eliminating the sales tax on feminine products would improve access to those necessary products for women by reducing the cost. We can also support Sen. Shealy's bill on the same principle of a regressive sales tax on a necessary hygiene item.

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